

CALIFORNIA CODES
GOVERNMENT CODE
SECTION 8750-8756

8750. The Legislature perceives that life in California is enriched by art.

The source of art is in the natural flow of the human mind. Realizing craft and beauty is demanding, however, the people of the state desire to encourage and nourish these skills wherever they occur, to the benefit of all.

8751. (a) There is in the state **government** an Arts Council which shall be composed of 11 members. On or before January 10, 1979, the Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Rules Committee shall each appoint one member to represent the general public. Prior to appointing the remaining nine members, the Governor shall request and consider recommendations from organizations representing the arts community and when making his appointments shall give consideration to the various arts disciplines and ethnic and geographic parts of the state. All appointments made to the council by the Governor shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate.

(b) Five of the eleven members shall hold office for four years, four shall hold office for three years, and two shall hold office for two years. Terms of office shall be determined by lot at the first meeting of the council after January 1, 1979.

(c) Nothing in this section shall prevent the reappointment or replacement of any individual presently serving on the existing Arts Council unless such person has already served for more than four consecutive years as a member of the California Arts Council or Arts Commission.

(d) In January of each year, the members of the council shall select a chairperson. Members of the council shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100) per meeting and shall be reimbursed for necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.

8751.5. If any member of the council is an employee, member, director, or officer of any arts organization that has applied to the council for a grant, such member shall not communicate with any other member of the council or any member of an advisory panel regarding such grant application and such member shall not be present when such is considered by the council or panel.

8752. The council shall meet at the call of the chairperson no more than eight times each calendar year. Unless there are extraordinary circumstances, all meetings are to be preceded by at least eight days public notice, and shall be held in various places throughout the state so as to encourage broad and diverse attendance.

8753. The council shall:

- (a) Encourage artistic awareness, participation and expression.
- (b) Help independent local groups develop their own art programs.
- (c) Promote the employment of artists and those skilled in crafts in both the public and private sector.
- (d) Provide for the exhibition of art works in public buildings throughout California.
- (e) Enlist the aid of all state agencies in the task of ensuring the fullest expression of our artistic potential.
- (f) Adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act necessary for proper execution of the powers and duties granted to the council by this chapter.
- (g) Employ such administrative, technical, and other personnel as may be necessary.
- (h) Fix the salaries of the personnel employed pursuant to this chapter which salaries shall be fixed as nearly as possible to conform to the salaries established by the State Personnel Board for classes of positions in the state civil service involving comparable duties and responsibilities.
- (i) Appoint advisory committees whenever necessary. Members of an advisory committee shall serve without compensation, but each may be reimbursed for necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.
- (j) Request and obtain from any department, division, board,

bureau, commission, or other agency of the state such assistance and data as will enable it properly to carry on its power and duties.

(k) Hold hearings, execute agreements, and perform any acts necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(l) Accept federal grants, for any of the purposes of this chapter.

(m) Accept only unrestricted gifts, donations, bequests, or grants of funds from private sources and public agencies, for any of the purposes of this chapter. However, the council shall give careful consideration to any donor requests concerning specific dispositions.

(n) Establish grant application criteria and procedure.

(o) Award prizes or direct grants to individuals or organizations in accordance with such regulations as the council may prescribe. In awarding prizes or directing grants, the council shall notify the offices of the legislators in whose district the recipient resides.

8753.5. The council shall not make any grants or fund any program which has not been established pursuant to the powers granted by this chapter.

8754. The Governor shall appoint a director and two deputies for the Arts Council who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The council may delegate to the director the responsibilities for carrying out council policy.

The director shall assist the council in the carrying out of its work, be responsible for the management and administration of the council staff, and perform other duties as directed by the council.

8755. Upon nomination by the council, the Governor may grant special recognition to any citizen with exceptional talent who has made a unique contribution to the cultural or artistic heritage of the State of California.

8755.5. The executive or principal office of the Arts Council shall be located in the County of Sacramento. The council may establish

one or more secondary offices in other locations within the state if it determines that such office or offices are needed to properly carry out the provisions of this chapter.

8756. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Dixon-Zenovich-Maddy California Arts Act of 1975.